

VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD

Registered Veterinary Technician Committee (RVTC)

Modified Text

Changes to the originally proposed language are shown by double underline for new text and underline with strikeout for deleted text.

Section 2068.7 is added to Article 6, Division 20, of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

2068.7. Limited Term RVT Examination Eligibility Window.

~~(1) In lieu of a two-year curriculum in animal health technology, completion of practical experience is deemed to be "the equivalent thereof as determined by the board" pursuant to Section 4841.5 of the code.~~

(a) A person who applies to take the RVT State Board Examination from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 may qualify for that examination if the applicant, in lieu of a two-year curriculum in animal health technology, meets the criteria set forth below, which are deemed to be "equivalent" to the two-year curriculum in animal health technology pursuant to Section 4841.5 of the code.

~~(a)~~ (1) The applicant has at least 7360 hours of directed clinical practice, completed in no less than five years within the six years immediately preceding application and no less than 24 hours of education in fundamentals of veterinary technology. The directed clinical practice shall have been under the direct supervision of a California-licensed veterinarian who shall attest to the completion of that experience and the competency of the applicant at the time of application to the Board for the registered veterinary technician examination.

~~(b)~~ (2) The directed clinical practice required in subsection a shall have provided the applicant with knowledge, skills and abilities in the areas of communication with clients, patient examinations, emergency procedures, laboratory procedures, diagnostic imaging, surgical assisting, anesthesia, animal nursing, nutrition, dentistry, animal behavior and pharmacology. The supervising veterinarian(s) shall complete a checklist approved by the Board (Form 26A-2 (9/08)), attesting to proficiency in specific skill areas within the preceding categories.

~~2. This provision provides for a limited term, 12-month eligibility window from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009, during which candidates, meeting the above mentioned criteria may apply for the RVT State Board Exam.~~

(b) The education required in paragraph (a)(1) may have been completed within the 7360 hours of clinical directed practice and must be from a postsecondary academic institution or a qualified instructor as defined by Section 2068.5 subsections (e-f). The education shall be accumulated in the fundamentals and principles of all of the following subjects:

- (1) Dental prophylaxis and extraction;
- (2) Anesthetic instrumentation, induction and monitoring;
- (3) Surgical nursing and assisting, including instrumentation, suturing techniques, and application of casts and splints;
- (4) Radiology and radiation safety; and
- (5) Diseases and nursing of animals, including zoonotic diseases and emergency veterinary care.

The candidate is required to provide the Board with a proof of completion of each course or instruction and documentation of attendance in the form of a certificate of attendance, official transcript or letter on official stationery signed by the course instructor documenting the candidate attended the particular course.

~~3.(c)~~ This section shall become inoperative on January 1, 2010.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 4808, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 4841.5, Business and Professions Code.